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Seward Previews Russian; Cites Need Of Background

By PROF. ROBERT D. SEWARD

O. McGosh came by recently (he doesn't like the name his folks gave him, "Obadiah," so he uses only the initial. We generally call him "Ohmie," however.)

He got in the first word, though I generally have to prod him: "What's this I hear about my having to take Russian next fall?"

"Who's been kidding you? Only people who have done 'A' or 'B' work in other languages are really advised to take Russian."

"Good, that lets me out! Gosh, they say Russian is as queer as Chinese. I've looked at a few words, and they sure look funny to me. Do you mean that you can look at them and read just as easily as English?"

Discusses Alphabet

"Just about. It really doesn't take a miracle to learn Russian. That horrible alphabet, for instance, has six letters about as in English, with another six that look like English letters but have a different sound. That still leaves twenty letters, but plenty of people do learn them. — As to words, three quarters of them have English 'kin,' mostly because ancestors of the Russians four thousand years ago were literally brothers and cousins of ancestors of the English. Some of the words got to be very different at first sight, but a surprising number are still recognizable. For example, 'Ettah, moy noce! Ee ettah, noce moyevoh brata. On seedet na stool.' Which means, 'This is my nose. And this, the nose of my brother. He sits on a chair.' ('on' is kin to English 'yon.')

"Gosh! you make it sound almost easy!"

Discourages Student

"Don't let me fool you! I just want you to send your girl friend around: she does have a knack for language. Just to really discourage you, I'll say 'traveling manager' in Russian: pootyeshestovavahvshy zavayedooyoo-

schey. How do you like that?"

"Don't say any more: I quit right now!" and Obadiah — I mean "Ohmie" — left in a hurry.

Shortly afterward, in came M. T. Smart, saying, "Look! I want to get into that Russian class! I want to knock 'em cold when I get into grad school and tell them that I expect to do a thesis based on Russian chemistry journals. Russian can't be as hard as all that! Why, I understand that hundreds of high schools have it now."

"You have a running start, all right, but so does a man who hears his little boy shrieking because he has pushed over a beehive. Let's see, how did you make out in Latin?"

So Marmaduke slouched out, looking unhappy, but not nearly as much as he would in a Russian class.

NOTICE

April 8, 1960

To the Men:

Due to the lack of interest and shortness of time until the Mayoralty weekend, the campaign managers and Student Council Mayoralty committee have decided to abandon any mayoralty plans for this year. The Student Council Mayoralty committee will not be responsible for any last minute activities masquerading as Mayoralty; the Student Council, however, is interested in and will promote any plans for all-campus creative activities this spring.

Joseph J. Corn,

Campaign manager of Smith-Roger Bill side

John Flemings,

Campaign manager of Parker-J. B. side

George Goodall,

Chairman of Student Council Mayoralty committee

Robert M. Viles,

President of the Student Council

Bates Adds Eastern Study To Curriculum



Dr. S. Chang Lee

A revision of the American college course of study to include far more of the history, philosophy, and ideas of Eastern countries was forecast Monday, April 11 by Dr. Charles F. Phillips, President of Bates College. Speaking in the Chapel, he announced the appointment to the Bates faculty of a distinguished China-born scholar as one of the steps which Bates will take to revise its program.

"In my remarks at last fall's Convocation of the College," said Dr. Phillips, "I emphasized the fact that the courses of study in American colleges are devoted almost exclusively to Western civilization. The net result is that few college graduates have a deep appreciation of the history and contributions of Eastern people."

Cites Eastern Influence

The Bates College President pointed out that in the world as a whole, Eastern people far outnumber those of the West. Moreover, the rising speed of transportation figuratively brings East and West closer together so that events in the East are now more important to the West than ever before in the world's history.

"In view of these facts," continued Dr. Phillips, "it is clear that today's college student should have an opportunity to become acquainted with the East. To this end next fall Bates will add to its faculty, as a visiting professor, a distinguished scholar of the East, Dr. Chang Lee."

"Born in China, for the past sixteen years Dr. Lee has been head of the department of foreign studies at Michigan State. The author of many books and articles on the East, he has been a frequent visitor to his homeland. At Bates, he will teach courses on the East, give a series of public lectures, and meet informally with student and faculty groups. For this important contribution to our campus, we are indebted to the Whitney Foundation which has made it possible for Dr. Lee to be with us," concluded Dr. Phillips.

Lists New Courses

The courses to be offered by Dr. S. Chang Lee are:

History of the Far East — a one-year course.

First Semester

A study of the development of China, Korea, and Japan from the earliest times to A.D. 1800 with special attention to their cultural relations.

Second Semester

China, Korea, and Japan since 1800, with special attention to social, political, and economic changes as a result of impact with the West.

Oriental Philosophy — a one-year course.

First Semester

The basic systems of Hindu and Buddhist thought with special emphasis upon their modern trends.

Second Semester

The development of Chinese philosophy from the 6th century B.C. to the present with special emphasis upon the influence of Confucian and Taoist thought.

Nature and Legend in Oriental Art — a semester course.

A study of Indian, Chinese, and Japanese art forms and their symbolism.

History of Modern Japanese Thought — 2nd semester.

A study of the development of Japanese thought since 1850 with special emphasis upon the influence of the various schools of Western thought.

Prexy Explains Purpose Behind Sabbatical Plan

The sabbatical program is one aspect of the college which we are apt to overlook, said President Phillips in Monday Chapel. So, we are likely to overlook the basic philosophy of a small college. As an example of this type of school, Bates emphasizes five aspects of education: faculty, which is being constantly attracted by increased salary and benefits; students, as shown by a selection of 250 good students for the class of 1964 from 1345 applicants; methods, relying a great deal on discussion in small classes, 73% of which are under 30 students; curriculum, now being expanded to include Eastern culture and history; and facilities, constantly being improved and developed, such as the Little Theater, and addition to Carnegie Hall. Success in education, however, stated President Phillips, depends on "consistent work and effort on all five aspects."

Branching off into a topic of timely interest, the President then discussed what he called "Van Dorenism," which includes anyone engaged in fakery or "just plain not telling the truth." Our country, he said, seems to be swept by a great wave of forgiving, which is based partly on honesty and a wish to give the "faker" another chance.

NOTICE

All juniors are reminded that all contributions for the Ivy Day Plaque design must be submitted to Bradley Butler (Box 265) by April 18 and the Ivy Day Odes submitted to him by April 25.

Bates Cops Second At Newport; Sanborn, Rowe Gather Laurels

At the New England College Debate Tourney, held in Newport on April first and second, Bates won second place in the overall competition, and achieved one of the best records in her forensic history for this particular tournament.

In individual events, Marjorie Sanborn '61 became New England Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking. Jack Lawton '60 copped second prize in Oratory, and Doug Rowe '61 placed second in Oral Interpretation.

Bates Finishes Third

In debate, Bates finished third among all the schools present at the tourney, speaking on the topic, Resolved: that Congress

should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court. The affirmative team, Jack Lawton '60, and Neil Newman '61 won from U. of Massachusetts, U. of Maine, and Southern Connecticut State College and lost to U. of Rhode Island. The negative team, Marjorie Sanborn '61 and Jack Lawton '60 won from Emerson and St. Anselm's and lost to Dartmouth and M.I.T.

It was the first time Bates has qualified for the final rounds in every event, and one of the few such accomplishments of any college or university in the history of the New England Tourney.

I. Bernard Cohen Speaks On Scientific Creativity

By GERALD GALIETTA '62
I. Bernard Cohen, associate professor of History of Science and of General Education at Harvard University, will be the speaker at the annual George Colby Chase Lecture which will take place in the Bates College Chapel at 8:00 p. m. Thursday evening, April 14.

Mr. Cohen is a member of the History of Science Society and is a vice-president of this society's executive council. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Among the books written by Mr. Cohen are *Benjamin Frank-*

lin's Experiments, General Education in Science, Some Early Tools of American Science, Isaac Newton's Papers on Natural Philosophy, Science Servant of Man, Benjamin Franklin, His Contributions and the American Tradition and a monograph of Franklin and Newton.

Since 1953 Mr. Cohen has been editor and chairman of the editorial committee of *ISIS* magazine. *ISIS*, founded in 1912 by the late George Sarton, is "an international review devoted to the History of Science and its cultural influence."

Presents Interesting Information

Mr. Cohen's classes are among
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Badger Announces Speakers

Jerry Badger '61, president of the Jordan-Ramsdell Scientific Society, has announced a lecture series to be held in the Filene Room at 7:30 p. m. on April 19, 26, and May 3.

The first speaker will be Mr. M. Loren Bullock, who is the university representative of International Business Machines at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His subject, which will be illustrated by a movie and demonstration, deals with the uses and applications of digital computers in physics, biology, and chemistry.

Lecture Series

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the most popular at Harvard as evidenced by the enrollment in his courses and he is considered to be the leading historian in this field in the United States since the death of George Sarton.

His topic for Thursday night will be "Scientific Creativity," and his interest in general education enables him to present the material of his field in a way which is noted for being not only interesting, but enlightening as well.

Speaks On Diamonds

Dr. Glenn M. Roe, who is presently with the High Frequency Electronics Laboratory for General Electric, will present an illustrated talk on artificial diamonds on April 26.

Dr. Roe was awarded his B.A. at St. Olaf's College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. He held a teaching fellow at Minnesota, where he was also a member of the physics department and a senior physicist.

Lectures On Astronomy

On May 3 the speaker will be Dr. Peter Van de Kamp, the head of the astronomy department at Swarthmore College. A native of Holland, he studied at Cand and Utrecht. He was awarded a Martin Kellogg Fellowship, and consequently worked for his Ph.D. in California.

After earning his Ph.D. at Groninger, he remained there to become the assistant director of Kapteyn Astronomy Laboratory. He has been the research associate at Leander McCormick Observatory.

At Swarthmore, Dr. Van de Kamp has served as instructor,

assistant professor, and associate professor. He taught in France as a Fulbright professor. He acted as program director of astronomy for the National Science Foundation, and led the Shetland site of the Georgetown eclipse expedition.

NOTICE

The Oakes Award elimination stage will be held Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p. m. in the Filene Room. All interested should see Dr. Muller immediately.

On The Bookshelf

The Joy of Music
Leonard Bernstein
The Phenomenon of Man
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
The Revolt in Tibet
Frank Moraes
The Enemy Within
Robert F. Kennedy
Temples of the Sun and Moon
Michael Swann
Religion and American
Democracy
Roy F. Nichols
We Saw His Glory
Ester A. Steen
The Structure of Christian
Ethics
Joseph Sittler
The Gnostic Religion
Hans Jonas

Calendar

Tonight
Vespers, 9:15 to 10:15 p. m.,
Chapel
Friday, April 15
OC Songfest, 7:45 to 10 p. m.,
OC Room
Saturday, April 16
OC Square Dance, 8 to 11:45
p.m., Commons Parking Area
High School Debate Tourney,
10 a. m. to 6 p. m., Pettigrew
OC Work Trip, 12 noon to 7
p. m., Sabattus Cabin
Tuesday, April 19
Bible Study, 7 to 8:15 p. m.

Chapel Schedule

Friday, April 15
August Heckscher, Director,
the 20th Century Fund, N. Y.
Monday, April 18
Registration
Wednesday, April 20
Chapel Choir

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